

Finch Seeks Shorter Terms for Regents to Eliminate Politics

"Terms of the members of the Board of Regents of the University of California should be changed from the present 16 years to 8 years," Robert Finch, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said today. "This would take politics out of the University of California and provide fresh blood, fresh ideas, and a better geographical balance for this important body."

"The people of California have heard self-righteous statements from Governor Brown about the necessity of keeping politics out of the operation of the University of California, yet he has been the worst violator of the precept," Finch charged.

To illustrate the importance of the Governor's influence, Finch noted that 10 of the present 16 members of the Board of Regents are Brown appointees. By virtue of his office, Brown is a member and president of the support. His Lieutenant Governor and another Brown appointee, the president of the State Board of Agriculture, gives the Governor a majority of the Board.

"THREE Brown-appointed members of the Board of Regents are not even residents of California, spending more than half their time in Washington, D.C."

"One regent, Frederick G. Dutton, is currently serving as campaign director for Brown's attempt at a third term in Sacramento, and has ignored repeated suggestions that he resign as a regent since he is taking the key role in Brown's campaign."

"Another regent, William K. Coblenz of San Francisco, has been involved in organizing teachers and professors of the university system to campaign for Brown, DeWitt Higgs of San Diego, an appointee Brown named to the Board of Regents this spring, was identified with a fundraising dinner for Brown recently."

"THE WORST instance of playing politics with the regents to gain political support is the strange case of Cornelius J. Haggerty," Finch said.

"Haggerty lives in Washington, D.C., where he serves as president of the AFL-CIO

construction trades department. He is 72 years of age. He has not attended a meeting of the regents since June, 1965, yet when his term expired this year Gov. Brown injected blatant political considerations into the Board of Regents."

"He appointed Edward W. Carter to a new 16-year term, and then re-appointed Haggerty to fill out the 2 years which remained of Carter's term."

"Considering his lack of interest and inability to attend meetings from his home in Washington, it is difficult to

see what contribution Haggerty can make to our great university, other than helping Brown in his campaign," Finch charged.

"THIS OBVIOUS appeal to organized labor is too thinly disguised to fool the electorate into thinking the cause of higher education is being advanced in California by this appointment," Finch said.

"Reducing the present 16-year terms for regents to 8 years should improve attendance at meetings, insure stronger voices on the part of the regents while reducing political control and more accurately reflect public needs and attitudes regarding the university."

"It would also give regions

of the state which have not been represented a voice in the university's affairs. At the present time Los Angeles County has 6 representatives, San Francisco area has 3, Washington, D.C. has 3, and Redding, San Diego, Fullerton and Riverside one each. It would be better to have persons living in California on this board, rather than to have three regents from Washington."

"LOOKING toward the day that the San Joaquin Valley will have a branch of the university, consideration should be given to appointments from that area," Finch added.

The Republican standard-bearer also said that expanding the Board of Regents

from the present 16 appointed members to 20 members might be a future consideration to keep pace with the expansion of the university.

Airman 3-C. Thomas A. Buser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Buser of 18808 Wilton Place, has been graduated with honors at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the training course for U. S. Air Force medical helpers.

Airman Buser, a graduate of North High School, is being assigned to Brooks AFB, Tex., for advanced training. The airman received his A. A. degree in 1965 from El Camino College and has studied at California State College at Long Beach.

Polio Immunization Now Required by State Law

Parents of youngsters enrolling in Torrance schools for the first time this fall were reminded today by Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools, that students must be immunized against polio prior to registering for class.

According to state law, students are required to have at least one polio immunization before starting school. Those who have been enrolled previously but who have not completed the series must have additional im-

munization before returning to school.

State requirements may be satisfied by either three Salk-type polio shots or the required Sabin oral vaccine series, Dr. Kaplan said.

Persons desiring to obtain immunization for their children may do so at the Los Angeles County Health Department, 2300 W. Carson St., between 8:30 and 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. A \$1 fee is charged for persons age six and over.



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